

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed January 19, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6,8-11,14,16-21 and 23-27 (renumbered 1-20, respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brick Power on February 10, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, after "connecting", delete the comma.

Claim 8, line 1, before "teeth", insert --said--.

Line 2, before "teeth", insert --said--.

Claim 11, line 6, after the semicolon, insert --apertures formed through said first and second members;--

Line 7, before "apertures", insert --said--.

Line 7, delete "formed through said first and second members".

Line 8, after the comma, insert --said hinge including teeth, and--.

Line 9, replace "comprising" with --comprises--.

Line 9, delete "including".

Line 9, after "with", insert --said--.

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Claim 16, line 2, replace "slot" with --aperture--.

Replace claim 21 with:

--A method for introducing a fluid into a body, comprising: coupling one of an injection apparatus and an infusion apparatus to a syringe barrel; pivoting a first handle pivotally associated with said syringe barrel and a second handle pivotally associated with a syringe plunger away from one another to create a negative pressure within a receptacle of said syringe barrel to draw fluid into said receptacle with a single hand; and grasping said first handle and said second handle to pivot said first handle and said second handle toward one another to force said syringe plunger into said receptacle of said syringe barrel, wherein at least one of said first and second handle comprises a slot through which a hinge extends, said slot and said hinge including cooperating teeth, said first handle pivoting relative to said syringe barrel, said second handle pivoting relative to said syringe plunger, said syringe plunger displacing fluid within said receptacle to force the fluid through said injection apparatus or said infusion apparatus and into the body.--

Cancel claim 23.

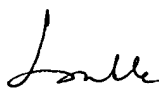
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ann Y. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-0822. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Sat 11-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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